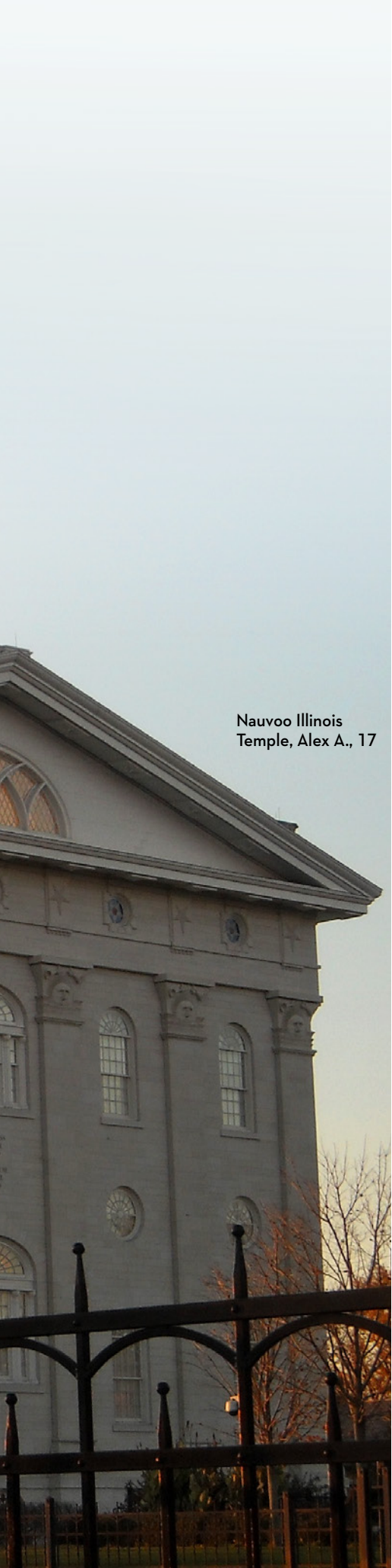


A photograph of Independence Hall in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, taken at sunset. The building is illuminated with a warm, golden light, highlighting its classical architecture, including the prominent clock tower with a dome and a weather vane. The sky is a pale, clear blue. In the foreground, a dark metal fence with a repeating arch pattern is visible, partially obscuring the base of the building.

Where  
**EARTH** and  
*Heaven*  
Meet

*Through photos and poems,  
teens share what the  
temple means to them.*



Nauvoo Illinois Temple, Alex A., 17



Mesa Arizona Temple, Lexi C., 15

After-day Saint youth revere the temple as the purest and most sacred of all buildings, a place of beauty where the Spirit speaks and where covenants are made for eternity.

Their love for the temple is evident in the heartfelt joy of their words and the vibrant emotion of the images that temples inspire them to create. Enjoy their poems and photos as you think of the love you also share for the house of the Lord.



The Gila Valley Arizona Temple, Katie G., 14



Denver Colorado Temple, Hayden C., 16



Salt Lake Temple, Nephi B., 16



Manti Utah Temple,  
Lynn S., 18

## KANSAS CITY MISSOURI TEMPLE

By Savannah M., 14, Missouri, USA

*Oh, how majestic it stands!  
White spires pointing upward,  
Nigh unto my Father,  
The angel Moroni like a beacon  
Drawing me closer to the Savior.  
Joyful we are,  
To have such a dwelling so blessed—  
A dwelling of refuge,  
Of peace, of salvation, of service—  
A dwelling I fancy when I rest.*

*Only the home could ever compare  
With the holiness of the temple  
We now consecrate.  
And through it my family  
May live together  
For time and eternity, so complete.*

*My heart, oh my heart!  
May it ever lean to such beauty  
And abide here,  
For this tabernacle we have made  
Is of the Messiah  
For now into  
Eternity.*

*Editor's note:  
This poem was written about  
the dedication of the Kansas City  
Missouri Temple.*



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Kyiv Ukraine Temple, Christopher H., 19



Logan Utah Temple, Chantel L., 17



Kansas City Missouri Temple,  
Dominique D., 13



Washington D.C. Temple, Jasmin J., 21

## FOR SARINE

By Brittney M., 16, Hawaii, USA

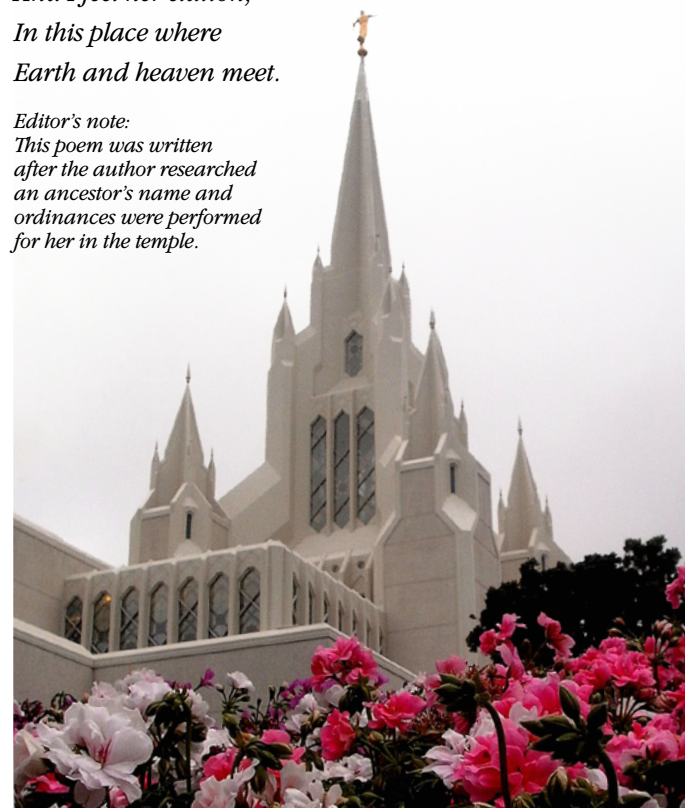
*I step into the font.  
The warm water gently laps around me.  
Sarine and I have not met,  
But I know her; I feel her presence.*

*My mind and heart turn back  
To the frustrations, the searching, the waiting,  
To the jubilation of discovering.  
It was all worth this moment for her.*

*A hand is raised, a prayer is said,  
While she, behind the gate  
Where she has been so long,  
Still hopes.  
Still prays.  
Still waits.*

*My hands in hands of priesthood authority,  
I am buried in the depths.  
The water cascades around my face.  
Finally, past the gate,  
She smiles,  
And I feel her elation,  
In this place where  
Earth and heaven meet.*

*Editor's note:  
This poem was written  
after the author researched  
an ancestor's name and  
ordinances were performed  
for her in the temple.*



San Diego California Temple, Hannah M., 16